A. D. 1758.

ANNO REGNI

GEORGII II,

REGIS *Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,* tricesimo primo.

At a GENERAL ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the CAPITOL, in *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE II. by the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our LORD, 1756, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the Thirtieth of *March*, in the Thirty-first Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our LORD, 1758; being the Fourth Session of this Assembly. JOHN BLAIR, Esq; President.

CHAP. I.

An Act for augmenting the Forces in the Pay of this Colony to Two Thousand Men; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

I. WHEREAS it is necessary, in this Time of Danger, that the Number of Forces, now in the Pay of this Colony, should be increased: *BE it therefore Enacted, by the President, Council, and Burgesses, of this present General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted, by the Authority of the same,* That the Forces now in the Pay of this Colony shall be augmented to Two Thousand Men, exclusive of the Rangers formerly directed to be raised. And for the more speedy raising the Men that shall be wanted to compleat that Number, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Officers appointed for that Purpose, by the President or Commander in Chief, to inlist so many Men as shall be willing to enter into the said Service; and every Person so inlisting shall receive from the Officer inlisting him the Sum of Ten Pounds; and every such Officer shall be allowed, over and above the Rewards so to be paid by him, all his necessary Expences in the inlisting such Persons and conveying them to the Place of general Rendezvous. Reward to Persons inlisting.

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How the Men raised are to be disposed of.

II. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the Men to be raised, by Virtue of this Act, as well as the Soldiers formerly directed to be raised, and now in the Pay of this Colony, except the Rangers, shall and may, by Direction of the President or Commander in Chief, be united to the Forces that shall be sent to our Assistance by His Majesty or any of the neighbouring Colonies, and may be marched to annoy or attack the Enemy in such Manner as shall be thought proper by the commanding Officer of His Majesty's Forces in *North-America*.

Money to be paid by the Treasurer.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That so much Money as shall be necessary for defraying the Charge of raising, paying, and cloathing, and other Expences of the Officers and Men to be raised by Virtue of this Act, shall be paid by *John Robinson*, Esquire, Treasurer, or the Treasurer of this Colony for the Time being, appointed by or pursuant to an Act of Assembly, out of the public Money that shall come to his Hands by Virtue of this Act, to such Person or Persons as shall be directed by Warrant from the President or Commander in Chief of this Colony for the Time being, so that the Sum so to be paid do not exceed, in the Whole, the Sum of Twenty-one Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, to be accounted for to the General Assembly.

For maintaining the three Companies of Rangers.

IV. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the said Treasurer shall, out of the Money to be raised by Virtue of this Act, pay to the Honorable *John Blair*, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of this Dominon, or to the Commander in Chief for the Time being, a Sum of Money, not exceeding Four Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, to be laid out for and in the maintaining the Three Companies of Rangers directed to be raised and employed for the Protection of the South Western Frontiers of this Colony, by an Act made in the Third Session of this present General Assemby, intituled, *An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, and accounted for to the General Assembly.

For defraying the Charge of *Indians* coming to our Assistance.

V. AND whereas several *Indians* have already come to the Assistance of this Colony, and more may come; *BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That for defraying the Charges of such *Indians*, there shall be paid by the said Treasurer, out of the Money that shall come to his Hands by Virtue of this Act, to such Person or Persons as shall be directed, by Warrant under the Hand of the President or Commander in Chief of this Dominion for the Time being, a Sum, not exceeding Four Thousand Pounds; and that the said Treasurer shall moreover, as soon as the same can be conveniently done, send to *Great-Britain* for, and import into this Colony, a Quantity of Goods, such as may best answer the Wants and Occasions of the *Indians* so coming to our Assistance, to be presented to them as a Reward for their Services, in such Manner as shall be directed by the President or Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council here, so as the whole Sum to be paid for such Goods does not exceed Two Thousand Pounds, to be accounted for to the General Assembly.

Reward for Scalps or Captives.

VI. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the said Treasurer shall, out of the Money that shall come to his Hands by Virtue of this Act, pay to such Person or Persons as have, before the passing hereof, killed or taken Prisoner any *Indian* Enemy within the Limits of this Colony, and shall produce a Certificate thereof, according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly, made in the Third Session of this present General Assembly, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing and repelling the hostile Incursions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, the additional Reward of Thirty Pounds directed by the said Act to be paid for every *Indian* Enemy so taken Prisoner, killed or destroyed.

How the Money is to be raised.

VII. AND for raising the several Sums of Money hereby given and granted, *BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That an additional Tax or Duty of One Shilling shall be paid for every tithable Person in this Colony, to the

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the Sheriff of the County where ſuch Perſon ſhall be inliſted, by the Perſon inliſting the ſame, on or before the Tenth Day of *April* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-one, and the further additional Tax or Duty of One Shilling ſhall be paid, in like Manner, for every ſuch tithable Perſon, on or before the Tenth Day of *April*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two; and the further additional Tax or Duty of One Shilling for every ſuch tithable Perſon ſhall be paid, in like Manner, on or before the Tenth Day of *April* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three; and the further additional Tax or Duty of One Shilling for every ſuch tithable Perſon ſhall be paid, in like Manner, on or before the Tenth Day of *April*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four: And that an additional Tax of One Shilling for every Hundred Acres of Land, and after that Rate for a greater or leſſer Quantity, ſhall be paid by the Owner or Proprietor thereof, on or before the ſaid Tenth Day of *April*, in each of the ſaid Years One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-one and the Three next following; which ſaid additional Duties ſhall be paid, collected, and accounted for, in ſuch Manner and Form, according to ſuch Rules, and under ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures as are mentioned, preſcribed, and appointed for the paying, collecting, and accounting for the Tax or Duty impoſed upon Lands and Tithables payable in the ſaid Years by the before mentioned Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for granting an Aid to His Majeſty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*: And that every Article, Rule and Clauſe contained in the ſaid Act, concerning the paying, collecting, and accounting for the ſaid former Duties, ſhall be uſed, exerciſed, and put in Practice for paying, collecting, and accounting for the ſaid Duties hereby impoſed, as if the ſame Articles, Rules and Clauſes were inſerted in this Act. A. D. 1758.

VIII. AND whereas by Reaſon of the great Scarcity of Gold and Silver in this Colony, the Taxes impoſed by this Act cannot be collected in Time to anſwer the Purpoſes hereby intended: *BE it Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid*, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Treaſurer, or the Treaſurer for the Time being, appointed as aforeſaid, to iſſue and emit Treaſury Notes to anſwer the Demands that ſhall be made upon him for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſo as the whole Sum of ſuch Notes, ſo to be iſſued, ſhall not exceed the Sum of Thirty-two Thouſand Pounds; which Notes, ſo to be iſſued, ſhall be prepared, printed, engraved and numbered in ſuch Form, and after ſuch Method as the ſaid Treaſurer ſhall judge moſt ſafe from Counterfeits and Forgeries; and ſhall be ſigned by *Peyton Randolph*, Eſquire, and *Robert Carter Nicholas*, Gentleman, each of whom ſhall receive the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Thouſand of the ſaid Notes by him ſigned and delivered to the Treaſurer. Treaſury Notes to be emitted. By whom ſigned.

IX. *AND be it further Enacted*, That in Caſe of the Death or Inability of them, the ſaid *Peyton Randolph* and *Robert Carter Nicholas*, or either of them, before all ſuch Treaſury Notes ſhall be ſigned, in that Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Treaſurer to appoint ſome other Perſon to ſign ſuch Notes in the Room of him ſo dead or unable; which Signing ſhall be as effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes as if ſuch Notes were ſigned by the Perſons herein named, and public Notice of ſuch Alteration ſhall be given by the Treaſurer in the *Virginia* Gazette for Three Weeks after ſuch Alteration ſhall take Place. In Caſe of Death or Inability, new Signers to be appointed by the Treaſurer.

X. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid*, That all Notes to be iſſued in Purſuance of this Act, ſhall be redeemable on the Firſt Day of *March*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Five, and ſhall then be paid by the Treaſurer for the Time being, appointed as aforeſaid: And further, that all ſuch Notes ſhall be received and paſs as a lawful Tender in Payment of any Debt, Duty or Demand, whatſoever (except for the Payment of his Majeſty's Quitrents) from the Time of iſſuing ſuch Notes, till the Time before limited for the Redemption thereof at the Treaſury, as aforeſaid. When the Money now iſſued to be redeemed.

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Penalty on counterfeiting

XI. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall forge or counterfeit, alter or eraſe, any ſuch Treaſury-Note, or demand a Redemption thereof at the Treaſury, knowing the ſame to be forged or counterfeited, altered or eraſed; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, during the Time the ſaid Notes ſhall remain current within this Colony as aforeſaid, offer to ſell, or expoſe to Sale, any Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements, whatſoever, and ſhall deny or refuſe to ſell the ſame, or demand a greater Price, unleſs he be paid for the ſame in Gold or Silver Coin, and not in the ſaid Notes; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall exchange Gold and Silver Coin for the ſaid Notes, and demand or take any Allowance for the Difference of the Value thereof, or ſhall offer to buy or ſell Bills of Exchange at a greater or higher Difference of Exchange for the ſaid Treaſury-Bills than for Gold or Silver Coin, or ſhall uſe any other Device, Means, or Method whatſoever, whereby the Credit of the ſaid Notes may be impaired, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall ſuffer and pay the Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, inflicted for the like Offences reſpectively by the beforementioned Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,* to be inflicted, recovered, and appropriated, as in the ſaid Act is directed.

Treaſurer's Salary.

XII. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* That for the Trouble of iſſuing the ſaid Treaſury-Notes, the ſaid Treaſurer, or the Treaſurer for the Time being, appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall receive a Salary of Half per Centum upon the Amount of the Notes ſo to be iſſued.

How to be redeemed.

XIII. *AND be it further Enacted,* That the Money to be raiſed by the Duties and Taxes impoſed by this Act ſhall ſtand, be, and remain as a Security for the Redemption of the Treaſury-Notes ſo to be iſſued; and the Treaſurer for the Time being, appointed as aforeſaid, is hereby required to apply all ſuch Money as ſhall come to his Hands by Virtue of this Act, for and towards the Redemption of the ſaid Treaſury-Notes, and to no other Uſe, Intent or Purpoſe, whatſoever.

How to be formed, and when diſcharged.

XIV. AND for the further Encouragement of Perſons to enliſt in the Service, *BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* that the Men to be raiſed by Virtue of this Act ſhall be formed into a Regiment, to conſiſt of Ten Companies, to be commanded by a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, Seven Captains, Twenty Lieutenants, and Ten Enſigns; and there ſhall be allowed to the ſaid Regiment a Chaplain, One Surgeon and Two Surgeon's Mates, an Adjutant, and a Quarter-Maſter; which ſaid Regiment ſhall continue in his Majeſty's Service until the Firſt Day of *December* next, and ſhall then be diſcharged from the ſaid Service.

Paymaſter to give Bond.

XV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* That the Paymaſter appointed to pay off the Forces in the Service of this Colony ſhall give Bond and Security to the Preſident, or Commander in Chief of this Colony for the Time being, in the Sum of Ten Thouſand Pounds, for the due and faithful Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in him.

Forts to be gariſoned by the Militia.

XVI. AND whereas it may be neceſſary, in Caſe the Forces in the Pay of this Colony ſhould be marched upon any Expedition, that the Forts built for the Protection of this Colony ſhould be gariſoned by Draughts from the Militia, *BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Preſident and Commander in Chief for the Time being, with the Advice and Conſent of the Council, to cauſe and direct ſuch and ſo many Men to be draughted out of the Militia as to him ſhall apppear neceſſary to gariſon the Forts built for the Protection of this Colony, during the Abſence of the Soldiers; and the Men ſo to be draughted to continue in Gariſon, or relieve them by new Draughts from Time to Time, as the ſaid Commander in Chief, with the Advice of the Council, ſhall direct, ſo as ſuch Militia be not continued in Gariſon longer than until the Twentieth Day of *December* next: And that the Draughts of the Militia

Militia for this Purpoſe ſhall be made in like Manner, and the Perſons draughted ſhall be ſubject to the ſame Rules, Regulations and Puniſhments, and entitled to the like Pay and Proviſions, as is directed for the Militia drawn into actual Service upon an Invaſion or Inſurrection, by the Act intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into One Act of Aſſembly.* A. D. 1758.

CHAP. II.

An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion.

I. WHEREAS an Act of Aſſembly, made in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, will ſoon expire, and it is expedient that the ſame ſhould be continued: *BE it therefore Enacted, by the Preſident, Council, and Burgeſſes, of this preſent General Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted, by the Authority of the ſame*, That the ſaid Act ſhall continue and be in Force, from and after the Expiration thereof, for, and during the Term of One Year from thence next following, and no longer.

II. AND for as much as at this Time, and during the Continuance of this Act, there is and may be Occaſion for the Marching and Quartering of Soldiers in ſeveral Parts of this Colony: *BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid*, That for and during the Continuance of this Act, and no longer, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any One Juſtice of the Peace in any County, City or Borough within this Colony, and he is hereby required to billet the Soldiers in His Majeſty's Service in Ordinaries and licenced Taverns, and in no private Houſes whatſoever; nor ſhall any more Billets at any Time be ordered than there are effective Soldiers preſent to be quartered. And in Caſe any Perſon ſhall find himſelf aggrieved in that ſuch Juſtice of the Peace has billeted in his Houſe a greater Number of Soldiers than he ought to bear in Proportion to his Neighbours, and ſhall complain thereof to any Two other Juſtices of the Peace of the County, City or Borough where ſuch Soldiers are quartered, ſuch Juſtices are hereby impowered to relieve ſuch Perſon, by ordering ſuch and ſo many of the Soldiers to be removed and billeted upon ſuch other Perſon or Perſons, keeping public Houſes, as above mentioned, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe; and ſuch other Perſon or Perſons ſhall be obliged to receive ſuch Soldiers accordingly. Soldiers to be billeted.

III. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the Soldiers ſo billeted, as aforeſaid, ſhall be received by the Perſons on whom they are billeted, and furniſhed with Vinegar, Salt, and the Uſe of Fire to dreſs their Victuals, without demanding any Reward or Satisfaction for the ſame. No Reward for Billeting.

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